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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 3495.0320-00 (formerly 05394.0011)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Stewart COLE et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1634 |
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| Application No.: 09/673,476 |) | Examiner: Jehanne S. Sitton |
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| Filed: November 30, 2000 |) | Confirmation No.: 5289 |
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| For: A METHOD FOR ISOLATING A |) | Mail Stop AF |
| POLYNUCLEOTIDE OF |) | |
| INTEREST FROM THE GENOME |) | |
| OF A MYCOBACTERIUM USING |) | |
| A BAC-BASED DNA LIBRARY, |) | |
| APPLICATION OF THE |) | |
| DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

☒ **Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** is included in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include Application Data Sheet.

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- See Examiner's Amendment dated March '06